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From The Desk of Constable May Walker

I have good news! Precinct 7 has a new location. We have moved to a bigger and better command center. Look for us at **5290 Griggs Road**; we're

a stone's throw away from our old location, in fact we are across the breezeway in the old Kelsey Seybold Clinic.



On another important matter, serving the people of Precinct 7 is my primary concern, but it takes good men and women to protect and serve. As Constable of Precinct 7, I am proud to have some of the best deputies, clerks and staff in Harris County. The following individuals were recently honored for their commitment, professionalism and dedication to duty. This is my special salute to special people during our Annual Christmas Party.

Sgt. H. Jones, Supervisor of the Year
Deputy A. Sharma, Deputy of the Year
Roberta Ewing, Employee of the Year



Community Forum

2006 marks the second year of Precinct 7’s “**Community Forum.**” **Judge Zinetta Burney** and I co-hosted the event. Houston elected officials (federal, state, city and county) who represent the southeast and southwest quadrants of Harris County came together to give progress reports to the community. Speakers included **State Senator Rodney Ellis, District 13; State Representative Alma Allen, District 131; Council Member Ada Edwards, District “D” and At Large Council Members Peter Brown, At Large Position 1 and Ronald Green, At Large Position 4; HPD Captains Mark Fougousse, Southeast Substation, Bruce Williams, Fondren Division; Jim Myers, Dir. Of Community Services Brays Oaks Management District, Ms. Angela Solis and Ms. Veronica Hernandez, both from the Citizen’s Assistance Office of the Mayor.** This year’s “Forum” was held in Southwest Houston at *Braeswood Assembly of God Church*. Thank you **Senior Pastor Steve Banning and Pastor Bruce Craft** for making us feel right at home; thank you **Ms. Gloria Sudds** and staff for taking care of our every wish. Here is a special thanks to our underwriters, **Mr. Moses Mourad and Mr. Alan Helfman.** I can’t forget Council Member Anne Clutterbuck of District “C” who represents Southwest Houston.

You can see more photos on our website: www.hctx.net/conpct7



Victims’ Services Unit

Recently, Constable Walker unveiled Precinct 7’s **Victims’ Services Unit**. The primary function of this unit is to help victims of crime. Under the *Texas Crime Victims Assistance Act and Regulations*, victims injured as a result of certain crimes, immediate family members of an injured or deceased victim and some witnesses may be eligible for financial assistance or benefits.

Upcoming Precinct 7 Events

Precinct 7 will host an upcoming *Community Contract Training Seminar* dates and times to be announced later.



The Men and Women of Precinct 7

For your viewing pleasure, here are holiday photos taken at our Annual Employees Christmas Party given by Constable May Walker.



Spreading Love ❤️

The group “**Ministers Supporting Precinct 7**” is dedicated to giving back to the community. During the 2006 holiday season the group identified several families who were experiencing hard economic times and needed help; the ministers provided the families with food and toys.



In addition, **Precinct 7, HEB and KTSU-FM Radio** gave away 40 turkeys to families, who could not afford to buy turkeys this Christmas.

Special thanks to HEB’s Unit Director, Fred Richards; KTSU-FM General Manager, George Thomas; KTSU-FM Sales Representative Larry Don Johnson and our valuable volunteers.

Until Next Issue... Happy New Year 2007!

Spotlight



Sergeant. D. Griffin

Sergeant D. Griffin is a history maker; she is the first female Sergeant under Constable May Walker’s command.

Griffin was born in San Francisco, California, but was raised in Houston. By all accounts she is glad of being a preacher’s daughter. Of course as a teenager, being in church all the time was not always where she wanted to be, but now as she looks back she admits she deeply appreciates her early church experience. Griffin’s parents Cloyd and Frances Griffin were positive role models in her life, especially her father (now deceased). The ex military soldier taught her discipline, moral values and fearlessness; little did she know, that these traits would be invaluable throughout her life.

A law enforcement career was never a serious consideration for Griffin, until she started working in major retail stores in the Loss Prevention Department. Griffin compiled a pretty impressive record for capturing shoplifters and pickpockets, which impressed the Houston Police officers who arrested the violators. They suggested she seriously contemplate a career in law enforcement. In 1999 Griffin joined the North Forest Independent School District as a campus police officer; in 2001 she joined Precinct 7 as a Deputy and in 2005 was assigned to District Two Patrol. This year the preacher’s daughter was promoted to Sergeant. Griffin says when she first heard the news she was surprised and pleased. Deputy R. Foley says, “Griffin deserves the promotion; she is a good officer, she is aggressive, fair, thorough with her paperwork and brave, she is not afraid of anything.” Constable Walker says she promoted Griffin because, “Of her natural ability to lead, strong commitment to Precinct 7 and her sense of fair play, which is grounded in common sense.” Walker adds, “I also know that Griffin brings another element to her work environment, she has compassion for her fellow man.”

Griffin, the single mother of a daughter says, “When Micaela was a small girl it was a struggle trying to balance career and family life, but now that Micaela’s in college it’s easier. As I grow older I strive for more peace and simplicity in my world. I am also waiting on God to send the right man into my life.” The key to Sergeant Griffin is simple, God first; her church is her second home (she attends Christian Tabernacle in North Houston). Armed with a melodious soprano voice, Griffin is considering singing again; she was once an active member of the singing group, *Joyful Voices*. Congratulations Sergeant Griffin on a well deserved promotion.

“Learn what is true, in order to do what is right.” (Thomas Henry Huxley, Reflection # 16)

Florida Cooper, a noted community organizer, manages the Victims Services Unit. Cooper, a Beaumont native and AT&T retiree comes to the post with an impressive community service background. Cooper serves on the Commission of Civil Rights Texas Advisory Committee, NAACP Voter Empowerment Team and former Board Member and Treasurer of Gulf Coast Community Services Association; she is also the founder and President of Friends of Friends, an informal network of community, professional and business leaders. For more details regarding Precinct 7’s Victims Services Unit, please contact Cooper at **713-643-6773**.



Teeing Off for Scholarships

County golfers helped two Precinct 7 students stay in school, while having a ball on the greens. The prestigious Wildcat Golf Club was the site of the second annual “**Constable May Walker Law Enforcement Golf Classic.**” The day was beautiful and hopes were high. Defending champions **George Taylor (Precinct 7), Kelvin MacGregor, Reggie Thomas and Curtis Clay** are once again triumphant in their bid for first place, nipping at their heels in second place were **Ricardo Aguirre, Jose Martinez, Able Davila and Mark Metz**. Rounding out the trinity were **Darwin Thomas, Darrell Dotson, James Jackson and Willie Richards**. **Congratulation Guys!** We can’t forget the ladies because they played long and hard and earned their share of trophies. **Pat Baker** is still smiling after putting the ball “Closest to the Pin,” while **Cindy Burch** is flexing her muscle for “Longest Drive.” Great job ladies!

Special thanks and appreciation to our food sponsors, Frenchy’s Chicken and Subway Sandwiches for keeping our energy levels up with some mighty tasty food; in fact all of our sponsors deserve a standing ovation.



Precinct 7 to the Rescue

Hurricanes Rita and Katrina have taught us some very valuable lessons in preparedness. In an effort to assist area residents during a disaster, Precinct 7 has acquired two military high water/emergency rescue transport vehicles. These units are undergoing conversion at this time and will be used for high water rescue and roadway debris removal.



A *STEP* in the Right Direction

Precinct 7 in conjunction with **The Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (STEP)** is making sure children are prohibited from buying tobacco products. The primary purpose of the program, which is sponsored by the State Comptroller’s office, is to reduce children’s access to tobacco. Precinct 7’s STEP goals are to educate area merchants and the public, while educating area H.I.S.D. students in a classroom setting and enforcing state tobacco laws. Violations can become quite costly; fines range from \$500 and up. Texas has some of the strictest laws in the nation regarding the sale of tobacco and the possession of tobacco by children. Precinct 7 will increase its retail merchant compliance checks for 2007. This is an effort to reduce the illegal sell of tobacco products to minors. Student volunteers assist Precinct 7 in making sure area merchants are in compliance with state regulations. Precinct 7 Deputies make sure that stores ranging from national chains to neighborhood stores are aligned with state laws. Constable Walker says, “I love this program and I am glad **Captain M. Wilkerson** is heading up this effort and doing a great job; of course I must mention that our student volunteers are providing an important community service.”



Precinct 7 Chaplain



Sergeant L. Aaron is a new face at Precinct 7, but he is by no means a stranger to law enforcement; he is a 24-year veteran of the Houston Police Department. After retirement, Aaron recently joined the Precinct 7 family, and is assigned to toll road duty; his duties also include the responsibilities of Precinct 7 Chaplain. Aaron was ordained as a minister in 2001 and has a B.A. in *Christian Leadership and Biblical Studies*. He is co-founder of Family Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. The job of a law enforcement chaplain is multi-faceted, it includes ceremonial obligations, counseling, prayer and condolences. Chaplain Aaron, welcome to Precinct 7.



Duties and Responsibilities

The **Temporary Restraining Order** is one of the many types of papers we serve as directed by the courts.

Temporary Restraining Order

This is an emergency remedy of brief duration that may be issued only in exceptional circumstances and only until the trial court can hear arguments or evidence. The Temporary Restraining Order is issued by the district or county court. Any sheriff or constable or their deputies can deliver the Order any time of the week. It expires 14 days from the date it is signed by the judge; it can be extended for a like period.

